

MR. BRYAN'S RESIGNATION AND THE PRESIDENT'S REPLY

Each Marked by Expression of Regret for Severance of Relations and Pledge of Sincere Loyalty.

WHITE HOUSE EXPRESSES REGRET AT SECRETARY BRYAN'S RESIGNATION

Secretary Tumulty gave out the following formal statement regarding Mr. Bryan's resignation:

"Of course, everybody connected with the President's official family deeply regret that Mr. Bryan has felt it necessary to sever his relations with us. We have grown to have the deepest affection and admiration for him. As one who followed him in his many fights I cannot but feel a deep sense of personal loss in his withdrawal."

The letters of resignation of Mr. Bryan and of the acceptance of President Wilson, made public last night, are marked by expressions of deepest regret at the separation and the most sincere loyalty between the two men.

Secretary Bryan's letter of resignation was as follows:

"My Dear Mr. President:

"It is with sincere regret that I have reached the conclusion that I should return to you the commission of Secretary of State with which you honored me at the beginning of your administration. "Obedience to your sense of duty and actuated by the highest motives, you have prepared for transmission to the German government a note in which I cannot join without violating what I deem to be an obligation to my country, and the issue involved is of such moment that to remain a member of the cabinet should be as unwise to you as it would be to the cause which is nearest my heart, namely, the prevention of war."

"I, therefore, respectfully tender my resignation to take effect when the note is sent unless you prefer an earlier hour. Mike desirous of reaching a peaceful solution of the problems arising out of the use of submarines against merchantmen, we find ourselves differing irreconcilably as to the methods which should be employed."

"It falls to your lot to speak officially for the nation; I consider it to be none the less my duty to endeavor as a private citizen to promote the end which you have in view by means which you do not feel at liberty to use."

"In severing the intimate and pleasant relations which have existed between us during the past two years, permit me to acknowledge the profound satisfaction which it has given me to be associated with you in the important work which has come before the State Department, and to thank you for the courtesies extended."

"With the heartiest good wishes for your personal welfare and for the success of your administration, I am, my dear, Mr. President,

Very truly yours,

(Signed) "W. J. BRYAN."

PRESIDENT WILSON'S ACCEPTANCE.

The President's letter to Mr. Bryan was as follows:

"My Dear Mr. Bryan:

"I accept your resignation only because you insist upon its acceptance; and I accept it with much more than deep regret, with a feeling of personal sorrow. Our two years of close association have been very delightful to me. Our judgments have accorded in practically every matter of official duty and of public policy until now; your support of the work and purposes of the administration has been generous and loyal beyond praise; your devotion to the duties of your great office and your eagerness to take advantage of every great opportunity for service it offered has been an example to the rest of us; you have earned our affectionate admiration and friendship. Even now we are not separated in the object we seek, but only in the method by which we seek it."

"It is for these reasons my feeling about your retirement from the Secretaryship of State goes so much deeper than regret. I sincerely deplore it. Our objects are the same and we ought to pursue them together. I yield to your desire only because I must and wish to bid you godspeed in the parting. We shall continue to work for the same causes even when we do not work in the same way."

"With affectionate regard, sincerely yours,

"WOODROW WILSON."

MR. BRYAN'S LIFE DEVOTED TO POLITICAL CAMPAIGNING

Resignation as Secretary of State Adds Another Sensation to a Spectacular Career.

First Became Prominent in 1891.

William Jennings Bryan's resignation as Secretary of State, because of a question of principle at a critical moment in the nation's history, added another sensation to a spectacular career—a life devoted to arduous political campaigning, the lecture platform, and the cause of universal peace.

Attracting attention when he went to Congress in 1891, he leaped into prominence at once with a speech that electrified his audience. The tall, lanky westerner had early earned the name of "Boy Orator of the Platte." His famous "cross of gold and crown of thorns" speech in 1896, at the psychological moment in the democratic convention, won for him the nomination for the presidency. When the Spanish-American war broke out he enlisted and went to the front as colonel of a regiment he helped to form. On his return he again came into prominence at the democratic convention of 1900, and throughout his campaign against McKinley he advocated the granting of independence to the Philippines and a policy of "anti-imperialism."

Notwithstanding his political defeat he was acclaimed as the "people's leader" of democracy and was supported by a large personal following. He made speeches in nearly every city and town in the country and his bitter political fights with factions in many states kept him in the forefront of public attention, always dramatically and in circumstances of vivid nationwide interest.

When Mr. Bryan returned from a trip around the world in 1910 and was greeted by a great crowd in Madison Square Garden, his speech advocating government ownership of railways stirred up a sensation in domestic politics. It was shortly after this that Woodrow Wilson, then president of Princeton University, wrote the famous letter to Bryan in which he declared that the speech made him feel that Mr. Bryan "ought to be knocked into a cocked hat."

Switches Support to Mr. Wilson.

The record of Mr. Wilson as Governor of New Jersey in advocating progressive legislation attracted Mr. Bryan to him, and he visited the governor at his Princeton home. Although instructed as a delegate for Champ Clark, Mr. Bryan caused another sensation at the Baltimore convention in 1912 by his fight on the Tammany leaders in the New York delegation.

Mr. Bryan Two Years Ago Announced His Stand on Question of War

Mr. Bryan delivered a speech May 12, 1913, to visiting British, Canadian and Australian delegates who were here to arrange for the proposed treaty of Ghent celebration in which he told them that there would be no war while he was Secretary of State.

In his speech Mr. Bryan said: "I made up my mind before I accepted the office of the secretaryship of state that I would not take the office if I thought there was to be a war during my tenure."

"When I say this I am confident that I shall have no cause to change my view, for we know no cause today that cannot be settled better by reason than by war."

"I believe there will be no war while I am Secretary of State, and I believe there will be no war as long as I live."

Official career was his announcement that grape juice would be substituted for alcoholic beverages whenever he entertained members of the diplomatic corps. His statement that \$12,000 a year was not sufficient for a cabinet officer and that he therefore must leave to earn more money was another episode which drew forth comment around the world. He disregarded newspaper criticism, declaring he had never absent himself when official business required his presence in Washington. His letter concerning distribution of patronage in Santo Domingo to "deserving democrats" was another incident widely discussed.

Remains Active in Politics.

Mr. Bryan's opposition to the nomination of Roger Sullivan in Illinois and his activity in other primary fights continued after his official identification with the Wilson administration. His editorial in his newspaper, the Commonwealth, prohibiting and woman suffrage, the signing of thousands of pledges in temperance meetings where he spoke and his advocacy of the issue irrespective of the attitude of silence of President Wilson have furnished political gossip over his future plans and ambitions.

Members of the cabinet who know Mr. Bryan most intimately declare, however, that he has always been the least ambitious man at the cabinet table, and unwavering in his political support of the President. He used his influence in Congress to keep the ranks of the administration democrats solid for the tariff and currency bills.

Mr. Bryan's now famous remark to Ambassador Chinda in a critical moment in the relations between the United States and Japan—"There is nothing final between friends"—was but one of his numerous expressions in the advocacy of lasting peace.

Mr. Bryan's home life in the capital has won the admiration of officials and diplomats alike. He and Mrs. Bryan have entertained lavishly, giving a series of luncheons, dinners and garden parties during the last two years. When Mr. and Mrs. Bryan came here from Lincoln they leased Calumet place, the house in which Gen. John A. Logan formerly lived.

Native of Salem, Ill.

Mr. Bryan was born at Salem, Ill., March 19, 1856, and is therefore fifty-five years old. His career up to 1915, when he became a candidate for President on the democratic ticket against McKinley, was not especially noteworthy, except as the prior events later were shown in contrast to what followed in his career.

Mr. Bryan served two terms in Congress, but was practically unknown to the big leaders of his party when the democratic convention of 1896 was held at Chicago. He attended that convention as a delegate from Nebraska and as a newspaper correspondent. His pay as correspondent was \$20 a week. As the world knows, something unprecedented in American politics happened, and Bryan, the boy from Nebraska, was elected President.

Years old—came away from Chicago as his party's nominee for President. He was defeated in the following November, after probably the most spectacular presidential campaign in history. Again in 1900 he was re-nominated and defeated. In 1908, and the story of his other two defeats was repeated. It was said of him in 1912 that he went to the Baltimore convention determined to capture the nomination for himself. Whether this is true or not nobody has ever heard, and he has a confirmation from Mr. Bryan's lips.

ARMY PLANS ARE READY.

Could Be Submitted to Congress in Case of Extra Session.

Secretary Garrison said today that although he is in almost daily conference with army officers over the general plan for the reorganization of the army, he does not propose to make public his recommendations on the subject before Congress convenes. Meanwhile careful study is being given to every proposal to increase the efficiency of the country's land forces.

In response to an inquiry, Mr. Garrison said that if an extraordinary session of Congress were called, the plan has progressed to such a state that it could be rapidly filled in and put in shape for immediate presentation to that body.

WINS VICTORIA CROSS.

Young Canadian Honored for Destroying Zeppelin Dirigible.

LONDON, June 8.—Reginald A. J. Warneford, the young Canadian sub-lieutenant in the royal navy, who in an aeroplane recently attacked and wrecked a Zeppelin dirigible over Belgium, has been given the Victoria Cross.

King George has sent the following telegram to Lieut. Warneford: "I most heartily congratulate you upon your splendid achievement yesterday in which you, single handed, destroyed an enemy Zeppelin. I have much pleasure in conferring upon you the Victoria Cross for this gallant act. GEORGE R. I."

AMERICAN PEACE SOCIETY LAUDS MR. BRYAN'S ACTION

Arthur Deerin Call, Executive Director and Acting Secretary, Makes Public Statement on the Resignation.

Arthur Deerin Call, executive director and acting secretary of the American Peace Society, of which Mr. Bryan is a vice president, today made public a statement in which the principle of international commissions of inquiry to settle foreign difficulties is upheld and the action of Mr. Bryan in resigning as a matter of principle is extolled.

Mr. Call's statement is as follows: "The cause which is nearest my heart, namely, the prevention of war. "These are the significant words of William Jennings Bryan addressed in his letter of yesterday to President Wilson. They are honest words. Mr. Bryan accepted the portfolio of state for one reason, and one reason only, that he might do something to abolish the iniquitous method of settling international disputes by war."

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While the war in Europe and the completion of the Panama canal have been the largest factors in the recent coming together of the countries, the foundation had already been laid by the friendly relations which have been promoted through the policy of the State Department during the two years of Mr. Bryan's Secretaryship.

High Regard Voiced.

The high regard for Secretary Bryan and his administration of state affairs expressed today by ambassadors and ministers of these all-American countries, and appreciation for the promotion of friendships among the nations of the western hemisphere, are an evidence of the success of his policy in everything that concerns Latin America. The records show that no previous Secretary of State has been so constantly in attendance at the meetings of the Pan American Union and more contributed more personal effort in the way of establishing friendships.

The mediation in which the A. R. C. countries took part has a marked effect on the relations of the State Department with Latin America, as has also the raising of Argentina and Chile to embassies.

All Latin America takes a deep interest in the Colombia treaty for which Mr. Bryan has labored earnestly. He also has been a sympathetic supporter of the President's Mexican policy, which included withdrawal of American troops from Vera Cruz. Probably no one act has done more to allay suspicion in Latin America.

Not Mere Figurehead.

In maintaining the position of neutrality for this government the cabinet member has been constantly in accord with the President and most heartily supported the neutrality program. Those who are close to him say that there was absolutely no truth in the reports that Secretary Bryan felt he was being relegated to a mere figurehead in the State Department and had no voice or hand in the conduct of affairs provided by the war in Europe. He has not been out of touch with administration of these affairs, and his friends say he feels that such reports have been a great deal of harm to himself and to the President.

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